



# The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

Council-in-Budget Committee Meeting No.1 Minutes

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

## **Council Chambers via Video Teleconference**

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### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Redekop acknowledged the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the New Credit, and Anishinaabe people, many of whom continue to reside in this area.

### **2. Roll Call**

Present (In Council Chambers): His Worship Mayor Redekop, Councillors Dubanow, Lubberts, McDermott, and Noyes

Present (Via Zoom Teleconference): Councillors Butler and Zanko

Also present (Via Zoom Teleconference): Regional Councillor Insinnia

Staff (In Council Chambers): J. Janzen, T. Kuchyt, C. Schofield, J. Tessmer, and K. Walsh

Staff (Via Zoom Teleconference): K. Dolch and S. Hansen

This meeting was held in compliance with the electronic participation provisions of Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016, as amended.

### **3. Announcements/Addenda**

#### **The Passing of Former Councillor**

The first announcement relates to the passing of a former Town of Fort Erie Councillor Darlene Hazlett, she served on the Town Council for 3 terms in the late 80's and into the late 90's. She was engaged in a variety of community non-profit endeavors including the Big Brothers Big Sisters for which she used to come to these meetings of Council and encourage us to bowl. In my case, to make a fool of myself in public and in Councillor McDermott's case permit him to show how good of a fundraiser he actually is.

Darlene comes from a large family. I grew up with many of her sisters and brother and a number of them still live in Town. On behalf of the Council I want to extend our deepest condolences and our prayers to the family.

#### **COVID-19**

Second thing I want to briefly mention, and I do not know that it has been made official yet, but I think the news coming out of Quebec is that the restrictions on testing at the Border are going to be lifted on Sunday, and the announcement will be made on Friday. There will be a limitation so that anyone who is leaving the Country and coming back within 72 hours will not need to be tested, and it will be those who have been outside of the Country for longer than 72 hours that need to be tested. That is not official and I think we all best wait for the Government to announce that. I understand as well that there may be a change with the type of testing that would be required which would make it easier.

### **4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

#### **(a) Councillor Dubanow**

Councillor Dubanow declared pecuniary interests with respect to the Capital Budget Package EJFB22 the EJ Freeland Centre Building Envelope Repairs and EJFB22 EJ Freeland Centre Building Pool Repairs as the company he works for is a contractor for the Boys & Girls Club of Niagara. He abstained from discussing and voting on the matters.

### **5. 2022 Capital Budget**

*Chaired by Councillor McDermott*

**(A) Presentations**

(a) Jonathan Janzen, Director, Corporate Services

Mr. Janzen delivered a PowerPoint presentation which is available for viewing on the Town's website.

Mr. Janzen provided the following summary:

- 2022 Capital Budget inputs and drivers; budget program highlights; risks and opportunities, next steps, presentation questions and capital project worksheets review.
- The proposed 2022 Capital Budget is 23.4 million dollars which would fund 55 projects.
- 62% of the Capital Budget would be drawn from reserves, with other sources of financing including 12.3 million from Levy and Water and Wastewater funding.
- The operating budget impact would be \$98,886 per year or 0.3 % of the Levy.

**(B) Reports**

**CBC-01-2022** 2022 Capital Budget and 2023 to 2032 Forecast

Recommendation No. 1

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

**That:** Council approves the 2022 Preliminary Capital Budget of \$7,466,500 as per Appendix "1" to Report No. CBC—01-2022 and directs staff to submit the By-law for Council approval on December 13, 2021, and further

**That:** Council defers approval of the balance of the 2022 Capital Budget of \$15,910,697 as per Appendix "2" to Report No. CBC-01-2022 to February 28, 2022 with consideration of the 2022 General Levy Budget By-law, and further

**That:** Council approves the exclusion of amortization from the 2022 Operating Budget as required by Ontario Regulation 284/09.

Recommendation No. 2

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

**That:** The Capital Project SPSP22 Sugarbowl Park Splashpad budget be increased by \$200,000, with funding of \$90,000 from the Development Charges Reserve and \$110,000 from the Parkland Reserve, for a washroom. **(Carried)**

*Budget Items EJFB22 EJ Freeland Centre Building Envelope Repairs and EJFP22 EJ Freeland Centre Pool Repairs were dealt with separately due to Councillor Dubanow's declared pecuniary interests.*

Recommendation No. 3  
Moved by: Mayor Redekop

**That:** Council approves that part of the 2022 Preliminary Capital Budget of \$300,000 for Budget Item EJFB22 EJ Freeland Centre Building Envelope Repairs and \$365,000 for Budget Item EJFP22 EJ Freeland Centre Pool Repairs. **(Carried)**

Recommendation: No.4  
Moved by: Mayor Redekop

**That:** Council approves the balance of the 2022 Preliminary Capital Budget of \$10,001,500 and directs staff to submit the Preliminary Capital Budget By-law for Council approval on December 13, 2021. **(Carried)**

**That:** Council defers approval of the balance of the 2022 Capital Budget of \$12,910,697 as per Appendix "2" to Report No. CBC-01-2022 to February 28, 2022 with consideration of the 2022 General Levy Budget By-law. **(Carried)**

**That:** Council approves the exclusion of amortization from the 2022 Operating Budget as required by Ontario Regulation 284/09. **(Carried)**

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

- (a) Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - Water and Wastewater Operating Budget and Fees Analysis
- (b) Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - Library, Assessment Analysis and General Levy Operating
- (c) Wednesday, February 9, 2022 *(if required)*

**7. Adjournment**

Recommendation No. 2

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

**That:** Council-in-Budget Committee adjourns at 8:54 p.m. **(Carried)**

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Mayor

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Clerk